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1. DUNCAN, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR STATISTICAL POLICY, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, RECEIVED VIP RED-CARPET TREATMENT DURING HIS VISIT TO HUNGARY NOV 3-6.

2. HUNGARIANS ARE VERY ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WISHED TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING NEW DELHI CONFERENCE OF THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION OF ECOSOC AND INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE MATTERS.

3. IN ADDITION, CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON IN MAR 1977; THIS ALSO WAS TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

4. TWO SIDES DISCUSSED ROLE OF CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICES IN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, AND CHIEF OF HUNGARIAN STATISTICAL OFFICE JOZSEF BALINT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL DIFFICULTIES HE FACED IN FORMING HIS ORGANIZATION A FEW YEARS AGO.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES DUNCAN VISIT ANOTHER USEFUL STEP IN EXPANDING OUR OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOH. HUNGARIAN STATISTICAL OFFICE WAS PET PROJECT OF NOW-DEPUTY PREMIER HUSZAR, AND IS GOOD CUSTOMER FOR AMERICAN COMPUTERS. INDEED, BALINT TOLD DUNCAN THAT GOH HAD ORDERED ANOTHER

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